THE

SPEECH

Of the Right Honourable *Henry Powle*, Eſquire, *SPEAKER* of the *Houſe* of *Commons*: On *Munday* the Sixteenth of *December*, 1689. at the Paſſing of Four BILLS,

ENTITULED,

I. An Act for a Grant to Their Majeſties of an Aid of Two ſhillings in the Pound for One Year.

II. An Act for Declaring the Rights of the Subject, and Settling the Succeſſion of the Crown.

III. An Act for Naturalizing *William Watts*, an Infant.

IV. An Act for Declaring and Enacting *John Rogerſon* to be a Natural born Subject of this Realm.

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May it pleaſe Your Majeſty.

YOur Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons in this preſent Parliament Aſſembled, taking into Conſideration the Great and Neceſſary Expences Your Majeſty will ſuſtain in the Proſecution of the War, wherein Your Majeſty is now Engaged, did at their firſt Meeting in this preſent Seſſion, unanimouſly Agree to Preſent Your Majeſty with a Supply of Two Millions; the greateſt part of which they reſolved to Charge upon their Lands, as the moſt ſpeedy and effectual Way of Raiſing preſent money for this Occaſion. But finding that great Abuſes had been committed in Aſſeſſing the late Supply of the like Nature, they have endeavoured to Provide againſt thoſe Abuſes in raiſing of this preſent Tax; the Conſideration whereof hath taken up much of their Time, and produced a Bill of an unuſual length, which I now offer to your Majeſties Gracious Acceptance.

They have likewiſe Agreed upon a Bill for Declaring of their Rights and Liberties, which were ſo notoriouſly Violated in the late Reign, humbly deſiring Your Majeſty to give Life to it by the Royal Aſſent, that ſo it may remain not only a Security to them from the like Attempts hereafter, but be a laſting Monument to all Poſterity, of what they owe to Your Majeſty for their Deliverance.

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